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VIA FACSIMILE 212-269-5420___

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RE: ABN AMRO v. National Settlement Agency, Inc., et al.
Case No. 07-CIV-7657

Dear Mr. Kavaler:

I am in receipt of the fax that you sent to my office a few minutes ago. I tried to reach you by telephone in order to discuss it. When I called, learned from your office that you were unavailable, and I left a detailed voice mail. I am writing just to make clear that my client, Steven Leff, did not wilfully and/or contemptuously refuse to comply with any order of Judge Swain or any other court.

I was on trial through September 19, 2007 in the Southern District of New York before the Honorable Richard A. Berman in the case of <u>United States of America v. Jeffrey Musumeci</u>, 07 Cr. 402 (RMB). I am a sole practitioner. Following the conclusion of my trial before Judge Berman September 19, 2007, I did not return to my office until yesterday, September 20, 2007. Upon reviewing the work that accumulated during the trial, I realized for the first time today that my client's Affidavit was due on September 19, 2007.

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Additionally, there was some confusion on my part about which law firm was representing your client, and I was on the cusp of observing the high holiday of Yom Kippur. Accordingly, I apologize for my lateness in faxing the required Affidavit to you. Nevertheless, I want to assure you that the lateness was entirely my fault and, in fairness, should not be attributed to my client. I truly apologize for any inconvenience that I may have caused you. Please feel free to call me on my cell phone Saturday night or Sunday at 516-633-3121 or on Monday at my office.

Thank you.

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Very truly yours,

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